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SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN ENERGY PROJECT (MORTON OFFER)

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1. CONSULTATIONS WITH VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT HAVE DEVELOPED
FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING PROPOSED DATES, PARTICIPANTS
AND PROGRAM:

2. ETA - ANY DATE BETWEEN MAY 9 AND MAY 16, WHICH ALLOWS
FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS PRIOR TO END OF THE
ACADEMIC YEAR.

3. PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS APPROVED BY GOV:

(A) JESUS ALBERTO TABORDA-ROMERO, CAPTAIN VENEZUELAN
NAVY, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION
ON NUCLEAR AFFAIRS (CONAN). BORN JUNE 26, 1936,
CARACAS. B.S. AND M.S. IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
FROM NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL IN MONTEREY AND M.S.
IN NUCLEAR ENGINEERING FROM M.I.T. HE IS CONSIDERED
THE LEADING FIGURE IN NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT IN VENEZUELA.
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(B) JEAN PASQUALI ZANIN, COORDINATOR RAW MATERIALS

SECTOR, CONAN. BORN AUGUST 2, 1938, MOISSAC, FRANCE, VENEZUELAN CITIZEN. B.S. IN GEOLOGICAL ENGINEERING AND M.S. IN GEOCHEMISTRY FROM COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES. FLUENT ENGLISH.

(C) RODOLFO TELLERIA, AGE 50, GENERAL MANAGER, CARONI RIVER HYDOELECTRIC POWER DEVELOPMENT COMAPANY (EDELCA). (4,000,000 KILOWATS INSTALLED CAPACITY BY 1985). GRADUATE OF UNIVERSIDAD CENTRAL DE VENEZUELA IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, 1951. ENGLISH FAIR.

(D) JOSE ULISES RAMIREZ OLMOS, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, NATIONAL COUNCIL ON ENERGY. BORN EL DIVIDIVE, APRIL 8, 1935. GRADUATE OF UNIVERSIDAD DEL ZULIA IN PETROLEUM ENGINEERING, 1957; M.S. IN PETROLEUM ENGINEERING FROM UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, 1963. FLUENT ENGLISH.

(E) CARMELO SALOM, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING, VENEZUELAN PLANNING MINISTRY.

(F) LUIS MATA MOLLEJAS, PLANNING ADVISOR, CONAN, BORN OCTOBER 20, 1938, CARACAS. GRADUATED IN ECONOMICS FROM UNIVERSIDAD CENTRAL DE VENEZUELA, 1962; GRADUATE STUDY IN URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING AT CENTER FOR SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF UCV. MATA IS CONSIDERED A SPECIALIST IN SCIENCE POLICY PLANNING AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY. ENGLISH FAIR.

(G) FRANCISCO JAVIER GUTIERREZ, AGE 49, HEAD OF THE OFFICE OF THE ORINOCO HEAVY PETROLEUM BELT, MINISTRY OF MINES AND HYDROCARBONS. GRADUATED IN GEOLOGY FROM UNIVERSIDAD CENTRAL DE VENEZUELA, 1961; M.S. IN RESERVOIR GEOLOGY, UNIVERSIT OF TULSA, 1964. FLUENT ENGLISH.

(H) LEANDRO MIRANDA, BOARD MEMBER OF THE NARICUAL CARBON MINES.

4. CLEARANCES OBTAINED FOR ALL NOMINEES. COMPLETE BIOS UNCLASSIFIED

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BEING AIRMAILED. NONE HAS HAD USG GRANT WITHIN PAST THREE YEARS, EXCEPT LUIS MATA MOLLEJAS, WHO VISITED U.S. UNDER IV PROGRAM IN OCTOBER 1973. BECAUSE OF HIS CONTINUED AND STRONG INFLUENCE IN SCIENCE POLICY PLANNING AND HIS DESIGNATION BY THE GOV AS ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR FOR THE MORTON OFFER, POST URGES APPROVAL HIS INCLUSION IN THIS PROJECT.

5. PASQUALI WILL BE ABLE TO STAY ONLY ABOUT 10 DAYS. GOV

HOPEFUL ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE FOR HIM TO RETURN TO U.S. FOR 20 DAYS INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMMING IN AUGUST. PASQUALI PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN VISITING THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY'S RESEARCH LABORATORIES TO STUD URANIUM EXTRACTION AND ANALYSIS OF SAMPLES. GOV WOULD FINANCE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FOR AUGUST RETURN TRIP.

6. COMMENT: CAPTAIN TABORDA WILL ACT AS LEADER OF THIS EXCEPTIONALLY STRONG TEAM OF VENEZUELAN ENERGY EXPERTS. ESPECIALLY NOTEWORTHY IS THE INCLUSION OF TELLERIA, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MASSIVE GURI DAM ELECTRIFICATION PROJECT IN THE GUYANA DEVELOPMENT AREA AND GUTIERREZ, DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOR THE MINISTRY OF MINES FOR THE ORINOCO HEAVY PETROLEUM BELT. GOV OBVIOUSLY HAS PUT TOGETHER ITS TOP ENERGY EXPERTS FOR THIS PROGRAM, AND EXPECTS THAT THEY WILL MEET HIGH LEVEL U.S. COUNTERPARTS.

WE NOTE THAT FEA ADMINISTRATOR FRANK ZARB WAS IN VENEZUELA IN FEBRUARY FOR THE VENEZUELAN-AMERICAN SYMPOSIUM AND EXPRESSED INTEREST IN MEETING VENEZUELAN ENERGY EXPERTS IN THE U.S. ERDA AND THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE WASHINGTON PROGRAMMING.

TABORDA EXPECTS THAT THE GROUP WILL BE PROGRAMMED AS A GROUP IN WASHINGTON FOR THE FIRST WEEK AND THEN WILL ASSIGN MEMBERS OF THE TEAM TO VISIT FACILITIES MENTIONED IN REFTL. WE EXPECT GOV'S DETAILED PROGRAMMING SUGGESTIONS NEXT WEEK. LENGTH OF PROGRAM 30 DAYS.
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